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1	Mr.	P. Chidambaram Pillai	14	,,	K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
2	,,	A. S. Damodaran Asan	15	Mr.	M. K. Madhavan Pillai
3	,,	A. Easwara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)	16	,,	P.C. Narayanan Bhattatiripad
4	,,	A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)	17	,,	K. A. Narayana Pillai
5	,,	K. R. Elenkath	18	,,	Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
6	,,	S. J. Nair	19	,,	P. K. Narayana Pillai
7	,,	T. S. Jayantan Nambootiri	20	,,	S Nilakanta Pillai
8	,,	K. P. Krishna Menon	21	,,	Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
9	,,	Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	22	,,	Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
10	,,	E. V. Krishna Pillai	23	,,	V. Ramakrishna Panickar
11	,,	N. K. Krishna Pillai	24	,,	R. Raman Pillai
12	,,	Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai	25		Rao Sahib S. Paramesvara Aiyar
13	,,	T. Krishna Pillai	26	,,	T. P. Velayudhan Pillai

NEUTRALS—1.

Mr. M. K. Janardana Kamath

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Now we shall advance to Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai's motion and take up the rest afterwards.

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 15,230 for the purchase of chemicals, etc., for the Public Health Laboratory.

The Public Health Laboratory was organised on modern lines in 1109. This necessitated the equipment of the laboratory on up-to-date lines. An amount of Rs. 20,000 was required towards this, and in the budget of 1109 Rs. 10,000 was provided.

Orders were placed by the Government with Messrs. Baird and Tatlock of London. But the articles as per the indent were received only in the course of 1934 by which time the year 1109 came to a close. Orders for 1935 were placed through the Darbar Physician with some other Firms; and by the time the articles arrived, the year 1110 also came to a close and we were not able to pay the company the cost of these articles. It took some time for reconciling the discrepancies because the Firm was in London. So in the course of these two years, Rs. 20,000 lapsed and the demand was made this year to pay the company the whole amount. According to the indents, the amount comes to Rs. 21,230. The budget for 1111 for the Public Health Department contains an allotment of Rs. 8,000. Out of this Rs. 1,000 has already been spent for the routine expenditure of the laboratory. Another Rs. 1,000 was required for meeting extraordinary expenses in the preparation of cholera vaccine this year. So a balance of Rs. 6,000 only is available. The amount to be paid to the company is Rs. 21,230 and

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the available amount is Rs. 6,000. So the balance required is Rs. 15,230. I request the House to pass this supplementary grant for the reasons stated by me.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What are the chemicals that the laboratory has purchased now?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow that question.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know whether all the materials have been received?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Materials worth Rs. 21,230 have been received.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): When was the amount due to the company?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): The amount has become due now since all the materials have been checked and discrepancies set right.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): What will be the implications if we refuse the demand now?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Am I to understand from the member that, before granting this demand, Government ordered for the articles?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I believe the Government member has already explained that the supply was ordered, there was some time taken and therefore the sanctioned amount lapsed. That is what he has stated.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I take it then that this is only a formal sanction?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I can only think of real sanction of this House. I do not take notice of formal sanction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I am really sorry that I have to oppose this demand because everybody knows that the Public Health Department is a useful institution which must be maintained. But as matters stand in the State, there is no necessity for the continuance of the Public Health Department. As for the Public Health Laboratory, from the Administration Report before us, I mean the Administration Report of the Public Health Department for the year 1109—I can refer only to that Report since the Report for the year 1110 has not yet been placed before us—it is seen that there is a fall in the birth rate and increase in the death rate.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I can frankly tell you, Mr. S. J. Nair, that I cannot allow this argument to advance. We are only at the question of purchase of chemicals for the Public Health Laboratory. I cannot allow you to make any expressions of opinion on matters unconnected with that.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the chemicals ought to be purchased for the use of the Public Health Laboratory in order to see that various diseases are prevented, they are diagnosed and the public health is safe-guarded in the State. But if we take into consideration the nature of the work that the Public Health Laboratory has been rendering till now and the nature of the work the Public Health Department has been doing through this laboratory, I submit—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are quite relevant now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I submit there is no necessity for purchasing chemicals for the Public Health Laboratory.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Does the member think that the public health is quite alright without these chemicals?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No. With these chemicals the health of not a single soul has been improved in the State; of not a single child, of not a single boy, of not a single woman, Sir. (*Laughter*).

It is seen from the Administration Report that there is a fall in the birth rate and an increase in the death rate.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have already made it very clear that Mr. Nair shall not pursue in that fashion. Please concentrate your remarks on this demand and not on curing of patients.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In regard to the work of the laboratory, as illustrations I shall bring certain facts to the notice of this House. Whether chemicals ought to be purchased, or not, not a single pie is to be spent for that purpose; and whether this laboratory has been rendering any useful work to the public of Travancore should be decided. In order to say that this laboratory has not been of any help at all, I will cite as illustration the fact that there is a fall in the birth rate and an increase in the death rate.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you repeat that again, I will have to ask you to sit down. You shall not repeat that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): This laboratory or this department was not successful in finding out remedy for malaria which was prevalent in the State. That is a very bad disease that was prevalent in the State. In an endemic stage and an epidemic stage the disease has been in existence and the laboratory or the officers employed in the department have not succeeded in finding out or attempted to find out whether the presence of swampy areas inside the Reserves in the State is the real cause for the prevalance of malaria in the State or not, Sir. For the information of these so-called experts in the Public Health Department, I shall tell them in their face that the presence of swampy areas inside the forests in the State is the root-cause for the prevalence of malaria in the eastern *pakuthies* of Kottarakara, Nedumangad and Neyyattinkara. There, due to the presence of vast swampy areas, mosquito breeding has been daily going on on an enormous scale and unless and until the State is prepared either to fill up or give in registry these swampy areas, the disease cannot be eradicated.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): If these swampy areas are registered, will they be filled up by the people?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): If they are registered, the swampy areas would be cleared and cultivated by the people. This would remove the root-cause for the out-break of malaria.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not think we shall be justified in swamping the discussion. Let us proceed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In order to fill up the swampy areas, the State will have to incur enormous expenditure. But if the swampy areas are given in registry, the State gains, the people gain and as a result of paddy cultivation the out-put of paddy in the State would increase. What I submit is the Public Health Laboratory or the members employed there were not in a position to diagnose the cause of the disease and therefore I submit that the Public Health Laboratory does not justify its existence. What I want to bring to the notice of the honourable members of this House is that the Public Health Laboratory has not been doing any useful work and it is incapable of doing any useful work and the experts employed in the department are not real experts. There is no use of wasting our money for the purchase of chemicals since these officers could not make proper use of them.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): What about the chemicals already purchased?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With whose permission did they purchase? Without our permission it was purchased. Let the officers who got them down pay out of their own pockets. Why should they come with a demand before us?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are not very serious there, I believe.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No, Sir, not at all (*Laughter*).

The motion was put to vote and carried, and the grant was made.

INDUSTRIES.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We shall now go back to Mr. Kumara Das's motion.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 12,000 under Industries. This demand, Sir, consists of two items, *viz.*, a sum of Rs. 10,000 under Advance towards Working Capital for the Trivandrum Sales Depot and the other Rs. 2,000 under contingencies for the Government Carpentry School.

In the current year's budget, there is an allotment of Rs. 10,000 to meet the working capital of the Trivandrum Sales Depot. Sir, most of this amount is utilised for the purpose of purchasing yarn and supplying it to three institutions. These institutions are the Central Technological institute which is part of the Department of Industries, the Reformatory School which has also a small weaving establishment and

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